

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-28 were pending in this application.

The Examiner has found independent claims 1 and 15 to be generic.

The Examiner has stated that dependent claims 2-14 and 16-28 are directed to two groups consisting of a total of thirteen distinct species. The Examiner has required restriction to a single species from each group as follows:

Group 1.

Species 1a: claims 2 and 16.

Species 1b: claims 3 and 17.

Species 1c: claims 4 and 18.

Species 1d: claims 5 and 19.

Species 1e: claims 6 and 20.

Species 1f: claims 7 and 21.

Group 2.

Species 2a: claims 8 and 22.

Species 2b: claims 9 and 23.

Species 2c: claims 10 and 24.

Species 2d: claims 11 and 25.

Species 2e: claims 12 and 26.

Species 2f: claims 13 and 27.

Species 2g: claims 14 and 28.

The Examiner has stated that upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form

or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

Applicants' Reply to the
Restriction Requirement

Applicants hereby elect without traverse the invention of species 1d and 2d (claims 5, 11, 19, and 25) for examination in this application if no generic claim is found to be allowable.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

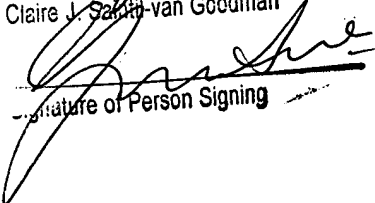


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